

St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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818 Bessemer Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

ST. PETER'S PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Owner The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Peter's Church
(a corporation).

Date of Erection 1851.

Architect John Nottman, Philadelphia.

Builder James Eassiemann.

Present Condition Good. Taken down at original site and re-erected at present location in 1901. Altered slightly at front entrance and Vestries, and Parish House erected.

Number of Stories One, with unfinished basement.

Materials of Construction Stone walls and Tower, stone-traceried windows, wood floor and roof construction, slate roof covering.

Other Existing Records: Photograph of Exterior (East Elevation) in original location, now in Vestry of Building - Photographer unknown. Drawings by Vrydaugh & Wolfe, Architects, Pittsburgh, prepared in 1900 for removal to the new site, now in the possession of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Other data from "Historical Sketch of St. Peter's Church, 1850-1918", loaned by Mr. Harvey H. Smith, Senior Warden, February 28th, 1935.

Additional Data: St. Peter's Church was first established as a Mission or Chapel of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh in 1850, the corner stone of the building laid March 1st, 1851; opened for services on first Sunday in Advent, December 14, 1852, but not consecrated for some years later. The first Rector was the Rev. E.M. Van Duesen. The following cost information is from the report of the Building Committee, February 7, 1853:

Ground.	\$16,800.00
Building, including all extras.	31,300.00
Stained Glass (probably).	2,000.00
Organ	1,500.00
Total	<u>\$51,600.00</u>

St. Peter's became an independent congregation February 8th, 1854, and was consecrated, (free of debt) June 29th, 1864. The last service was held on the first Sunday in January in 1901,* the first Sunday in the new Century.

Mr. H.C. Frick being desirous of adding the property to his other holdings in order to erect thereon the office building bearing his name, the ground was sold to him in November 1900 for \$260,000.00; and the present site at Craft Avenue and Forbee Street was purchased, and the building carefully taken down and re-erected thereon in 1901-02; at the same time the front entrance vestibule was added and some alterations made to the Vestries. The total cost of this work, comprising furnishing, grading and paving, was \$94,333.60 with \$80,000.00 for the lot.

The building is an excellent one of the English Gothic Parish Church type, remarkable for the restraint and purity of style seldom found in Gothic churches in the United States, although erected at the beginning of the Gothic Revival period.

The plan is the usual one expressive of the liturgical worship of the Church, having the nave with north and south aisles, chancel, narthex, and an exceptionally fine broached tower with stone spire.

*Not the first Sunday of the new century.

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